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(C) Poloff spoke February 12 with Thierry Vuylsteke, Adviser for OSCE Issues in the Belgian MFA, regarding Serbia's plan to invoke the OSCE's Berlin Mechanism after Kosovo declares independence. Vuylsteke said Belgium was "unhappy with Serbia's initiative" and against the plan to invoke the Berlin Mechanism. He said Belgium's ambassador in Vienna was part of an initiative to call for a special meeting of the OSCE's Permanent Council to "get ahead of Serbia's plan" and impede Serbian and Russian attempts to gain the support of OSCE member states. Vuylsteke said Belgium wanted to avoid having any EU countries be part of the group of twelve OSCE states needed to convoke an emergency session under the mechanism, feeling it would deepen problems within the EU on Kosovo.

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